



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6872**
Akio YAMANE : Attorney Docket No. 2002_0401A
Serial No. 10/088,598 : Group Art Unit 1634
Filed March 21, 2002 : Examiner Katherine Salmon
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PRELIMINARY REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated May 22, 2006 and further to the after final response filed May 10, 2006, the period for response having been extended for a third month by the attached petition, Applicant herein provides the following amendments and remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), requesting entry of the amendments in the after final response, hereby accompanies this response.

**THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES
FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 23-0975**